

TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

DONALD C. CAMPBELL, M.D., SURGEON,

CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT

OF THE .

ABERDEEN LUNATIC ASYLUM.

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REAR-ADMIRAL D. CAMPBELL, *knowing his Son's partiality for the study of Mental Diseases, and his anxiety to obtain such an appointment as is now vacant in the ABERDEEN LUNATIC ASYLUM, begs, in his absence, to lay before the Managers of that Institution, Copies of Certificates which DR. CAMPBELL received when he was a Candidate for a similar situation in England, and which he was disappointed in obtaining in consequence of its being given to a Medical Officer formerly connected with the Institution. Dr. C. received his Literary Education at St. Andrews, and his Medical at the Glasgow University, from which he holds the Degree of Doctor of Medicine. He has also a Diploma in Surgery. He is unmarried, and thirty-two years of age. For upwards of four years he was one of the Resident Medical Assistants in the Royal Lunatic Asylum of Glasgow, where he enjoyed an opportunity of becoming familiar with the treatment and management of the Insane, under the able instructions of Dr. HUTCHESON; and as that Institution is one of the largest in the country, the cases which he had opportunity of studying were both numerous and varied.—Dr. Campbell is expected in this country, when he will wait personally on the Managers, and solicit a renewal of the kindness he formerly met with in Aberdeen.*

*In reference to the occasion on which he formerly presented himself before the Managers, their special attention is respectfully requested to the Certificate, No. XXII.*

BARBRECK HOUSE, ARGYLESHIRE,

25th March, 1851.

*Dr. Campbell is expected in Aberdeen  
in the course of the month.*

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# TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

DONALD C. CAMPBELL, M.D.

I.

*From the WEEKLY COMMITTEE of the Directors of the Glasgow  
Royal Asylum for Lunatics.*

THE Weekly Committee of the Directors of the Glasgow Royal Asylum for Lunatics hereby certify, that Dr. Donald Campbell, Surgeon, was appointed Clinical Assistant to the Physician of that Institution on the twelfth day of October, Eighteen hundred and forty one—that he entered upon his duties upon the twenty-fifth day of the same month—that he has continued to perform these with credit to himself, and to the satisfaction of all concerned; and that, considering the length of time he has been engaged in the Asylum, the knowledge and experience which he has there acquired, and the favourable report of his conduct by the Physician, they doubt not that he will be found fully qualified for the office of Superintendent of the Oxfordshire County Asylum, for which he is at present a Candidate. In witness whereof, they have authorised this certificate to be signed in their name by me, as Secretary to the Institution, this thirteenth day of July, Eighteen hundred and forty-five.

DOND. CUTHBERTSON, *Secretary.*

## II.

*From* WM. HUTCHESON, M.D., *Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh; Member of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow; Physician to the Glasgow Royal Asylum for Lunatics, &c. &c.* .

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that Dr. Donald Campbell, Surgeon, has acted as one of my Medical Assistants since October, 1841—that he has had ample opportunities of studying, both theoretically and practically, Insanity in all its forms—that he has had before him all the details of the building, furnishing, and arranging of the present Asylum, of which he has made himself master—that he has had the immediate charge of the treatment of about five hundred patients—that he is familiar with the recent and most approved plans of managing the Insane, including the substitution of kindness, moral control, employment, and amusement, for force and mechanical restraint—that he has kept a minute record of each case under his charge, exhibiting the mental and physical phenomena, and the results of the means employed to alleviate or cure the disease—that he is kind and gentlemanly in his feelings and conduct—that he is possessed of great tact in the management of patients—that his moral and religious character is unexceptionable—and that, in the performance of his duties, he has given me entire satisfaction.

I further certify, that, besides the patients under his own immediate charge, he has seen and become acquainted with the treatment of nearly one thousand other cases; and that, like my other medical assistants, he has lived constantly in the Asylum under my own observation, except when absent on duty. In these circumstances, I have no hesitation in recommending him to the Governors of the Oxford County Asylum, as perfectly qualified to fill the office of Medical Superintendent of that Institution.

WM. HUTCHESON, M.D.



## III.

*From* THOMAS PRICHARD, M.D., *Superintendent of the Glasgow Royal Asylum for Lunatics, &c. &c.*

GLASGOW ROYAL ASYLUM FOR LUNATICS,  
GARTNAVEL, 31st July, 1845.

I HAVE much pleasure in testifying to the abilities of Dr. DONALD CAMPBELL. During a period of nearly four years he has been actively engaged in studying Insanity, and in making himself conversant with the general business of a large Asylum. In the performance of his duties here, he has always manifested a strong desire to improve the condition of those placed under his charge, and by his industry, affability and kindness, he has secured the esteem of all who are interested in the welfare of this Institution. Dr. Campbell is well acquainted with Insanity in all its phases; he has also had the advantage of witnessing the erection, furnishing, and opening of the largest Asylum in Scotland, in the internal arrangements and organization of which he has taken an active part.

In conclusion, I may state that I consider Dr. Campbell well qualified to undertake the duties of the office to which he now aspires, and I feel confident that, should he be the successful Candidate, he will give every satisfaction to the Directors.

THOMAS PRICHARD, M.D.

## IV.

*From* WILLIAM THOMSON, M.D., *Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians; Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh; Professor of the Practice of Physic in the University of Glasgow; Physician to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary; and Director of the Glasgow Royal Asylum for Lunatics, &c. &c.*

GLASGOW COLLEGE, 18th July, 1845.

AS DR. CAMPBELL'S character and conduct, during the time he has acted as Clinical Assistant in the Glasgow Royal Lunatic

Asylum, are fully spoken to by Dr. Hutcheson, under whom he has acted in that capacity, I confine myself to mentioning that, as one of the Weekly Committee of the Directors of the Asylum for some years past, I have had frequent intercourse with Dr. Campbell, and have had full opportunity of satisfying myself of his qualifications for conducting the treatment of Insane persons on the mild system pursued in that Institution. No one to be so employed could, I conceive, have been reared in a better school; and Dr Campbell appears to me to have fully availed himself of the advantages which he has enjoyed.

WM. THOMSON, M.D.

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V.

*From* ROBERT RODGER, Esq., *Director of the Glasgow Royal Lunatic Asylum.*

12, ROYAL CRESCENT, GLASGOW,  
18th July, 1845.

I HAVE KNOWN DR. DONALD CAMPBELL, Surgeon, for several years. He is of an old and respectable family, and has received the best education, both literary and professional, which the Universities of St. Andrews and Glasgow could furnish. So favourably was I impressed with his character and acquirements, that about four years ago I strongly recommended him for the situation of Medical Assistant in the Royal Lunatic Asylum here, of which I have been many years a Director, and in which I take a very great interest. He was shortly afterwards appointed, and his subsequent career has more than justified my recommendation. As one of the Committee who take the more immediate management of the Asylum, I have had ample opportunities of knowing the tact, kindness, firmness, and efficiency, with which he performed his duties, and know that the official gentlemen connected with the Asylum entertain the same opinion. In these circumstances, I have no hesitation in recommending him to the Directors of the Oxford County Asylum, as fully qualified in all respects for

the office to which he aspires, satisfied as I am, that though the Glasgow Institution will lose a most efficient officer, the Oxford Asylum will profit by his services.

R. RODGER.

## VI.

*From the* RIGHT HON. *the* LORD ADVOCATE *of* Scotland.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, 18th July, 1845.

MY DEAR SIR,—Your letter of the 12th, which was addressed to Edinburgh, only reached me here to-day. I had heard a few days ago that you were likely to become a Candidate for the situation of Superintendent of the Oxford County Lunatic Asylum, and I sincerely hope that your views in that respect may be realised. The experience you have had in that department of practice, and the constancy with which you have pursued it, make it naturally an object of ambition with you to have the superintendence and arrangement of such an Establishment, and I feel confident that the interests of the Establishment could not be entrusted in better hands. If any recommendation of mine can be of use to you, I have the greatest satisfaction in giving it, knowing that it is well merited.

I am, My Dear Sir,

Yours, very truly,

DUN. M'NEILL, M.P.

DONALD CAMPBELL, ESQ., M.D.

## VII.

*From* ARCHIBALD ALISON, ESQ., LL.D., *Advocate, Sheriff of Lanarkshire, and Lord Rector of the University of Aberdeen.*

SHERIFF'S CHAMBERS, GLASGOW,  
18th July, 1845.

DEAR SIR,—I have had frequent opportunities, during my official inspections of the Royal Lunatic Asylum at Glasgow, of



late years, to observe the care you bestowed upon the patients who fell under your charge, and the confidential manner with which you were entrusted with important duties by Dr Hutcheson, and the other officers connected with the Establishment. I also observed with pleasure the kind feeling on which you appeared to be with the numerous patients under your charge in the Asylum.

From these circumstances, as well as from the great experience you have had in the vast Establishment with which you have been so long connected, and the admirable manner in which Lunacy is treated in it by Dr. Hutcheson, I think you have enjoyed peculiar means of becoming master of your profession, and are, in an especial manner, qualified to discharge the duties of any situation of a similar kind to which you may aspire.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours, faithfully,

A. ALISON, *Advocate.*

D. CAMPBELL, Esq., M.D.

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VIII.

*From* HENRY GLASSFURD BELL, Esq., *Advocate, Sheriff-Substitute of Lanarkshire.*

SHERIFF'S CHAMBERS, GLASGOW,  
16th July, 1845.

I HAVE frequently had occasion to observe, when visiting officially the Glasgow Royal Lunatic Asylum, the manner in which Dr. Campbell discharges his duties there as one of the Assistant Surgeons. I always found him most assiduous and attentive, and particularly well acquainted with the whole details of the management of that very extensive and successful Institution. I have also frequently had the pleasure of meeting with Dr. Campbell in private society, where his agreeable and gentlemanly manners give the best assurance that he is well calculated to superintend a class of patients peculiarly requiring careful and delicate treatment. I



can have no doubt that he will be found a very valuable Assistant in any Lunatic Asylum whose Directors may be fortunate enough to secure his services.

HENRY GLASSFURD BELL, *Advocate.*

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## IX.

*From* GEORGE SKENE, Esq., *Advocate, Sheriff-Substitute of Lanarkshire.*

SHERIFF'S CHAMBERS, GLASGOW,  
14th February, 1845.

IN the course of my official visits to the Royal Lunatic Asylum here, I have had frequent occasion to meet with Dr. Campbell, and have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the zeal, as well as intelligence and judgment displayed by him in the departments of that extensive Asylum which were under his immediate charge.

From what I have thus seen of him, I have no doubt that he will be found a valuable acquisition to any similar Institution with which he may be connected.

GEORGE SKENE, *Advocate.*

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## X.

*From* A. D. ANDERSON; M.D., *Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, England; Inspector of Madhouses for the County of Lanark; and late Senior Physician to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary.*

159, ST. VINCENT STREET, GLASGOW,  
14th July, 1845.

I HAVE the greatest pleasure in adding my testimony to that of many others more competent to judge of Dr. CAMPBELL'S merits.

Dr Campbell has for many years enjoyed opportunities of becoming acquainted, both theoretically and practically, with the treatment of the Insane, and the general management of Lunatics and Lunatic Asylums, such as have fallen to the lot of very few; and from long and intimate acquaintance with him, I can safely and conscientiously say that he has taken full advantage of these opportunities.

A. DUNLOP ANDERSON, M.D.

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XI.

*From* ROBERT MACGREGOR, M.D., *Inspector of Lunatic Asylums for the County of Lanark, Lecturer on Chemistry, &c.*

GLASGOW, 17th July, 1845.

I HAVE KNOWN DR. DONALD CAMPBELL when studying Medicine at the University of this city, and as my pupil in Medical Chemistry, when he gained my esteem. For several years he has acted as House Surgeon in the Glasgow Royal Asylum. During my official visits to that Establishment, along with the Sheriff, I have observed his kind, yet firm, behaviour towards the patients, and I have been frequently informed to the same effect by the convalescents. His manners are gentlemanlike and engaging. I consider him highly qualified to undertake the duties of Superintendent of a Lunatic Asylum.

ROBERT MACGREGOR, M.D.

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XII.

*From* J. A. EASTON, M.D., *Professor of Materia Medica in Anderson's University, and Inspector of Madhouses for Lanarkshire, &c.*

GLASGOW, 19th July, 1845.

It affords me very great pleasure to bear testimony to the many good qualities, general and professional, of Dr. DONALD

CAMPBELL. Thoroughly versant in *all* the departments of Medical Science, Dr Campbell is pre-eminently so in the management of the Insane, and I have repeatedly been struck, while inspecting the Institution at Gartnavel, with the great tact which he displayed in the treatment of those committed to his care.

I have reason to know that this feeling has been participated in by my co-inspectors, who were not more satisfied with the professional skill which he evinced, than delighted with the urbanity of manner and kindness of disposition by which his conduct was uniformly characterised. Much more might be said regarding the qualifications which Dr. Campbell possesses for the office to which he aspires, but more on such a subject I consider unnecessary, and therefore shall only add, in conclusion, that I know no one better qualified, and few so well as he is, to superintend an Asylum for Lunatics.

J. A. EASTON, M.D.

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XIII.

*From JOHN CRAWFORD, M.D., Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in Anderson's University, and one of the Parliamentary Inspectors of Madhouses for Lanarkshire, &c. &c.*

GLASGOW, 17th July, 1845.

I HAVE much pleasure in bearing testimony to the qualifications and attainments of Dr. DONALD CAMPBELL, who, I understand, is at present a Candidate for the situation of Superintendent of the Oxford County Asylum. Dr. Campbell entered the Glasgow Royal Lunatic Asylum as a Clinical Assistant, in the latter part of the year 1841, at which time I was House Surgeon to that Institution; and I was most favourably impressed with the zeal, diligence, and enthusiasm, with which he discharged the duties of a situation then new to him. Since that time he has enjoyed almost unexampled opportunities of acquiring a thorough knowledge of mental diseases, and the treatment and management of



Insane patients. I have reason to know that he has most diligently availed himself of these opportunities; and having been frequently, both in my official capacity and otherwise, brought into contact with him in the discharge of his duties as one of the Clinical Assistants in the splendid Institution to which he is attached, I can conscientiously affirm that, in the performance of them, he has exhibited in a high degree the qualifications which are requisite to constitute an active, useful, and successful medical officer in an Institution devoted to the care and treatment of the Insane. I may add, that the practical acquaintance, which he possesses, with the economical details peculiar to the management of establishments of the kind, supplies a further recommendation in his favour as an Applicant for such an office as that for which he is a Candidate.

JOHN CRAWFORD, M.D.

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XIV.

*From JOHN D. M'GAVIN, M.D., Medical Superintendent of the  
Montrose Royal Lunatic Asylum, &c. &c.*

ROYAL LUNATIC ASYLUM, MONTROSE,  
18th July, 1845.

I HAVE KNOWN Dr. CAMPBELL for several years, and have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his personal worth and general attainments. For the last four years he has diligently applied himself to the study of Insanity in the Glasgow Royal Lunatic Asylum, where he has enjoyed rare advantages of becoming intimately acquainted with the varied phases of the disease, and with the most approved means available in its alleviation and cure. From his education, his great zeal in the pursuit of knowledge, his industrious habits, and his tact in the discrimination of character, I am well convinced that he has availed himself to the utmost of all the advantages he has enjoyed. Dr Campbell has also had the best opportunities of becoming acquainted with all



the details connected with the economic department of an Asylum, and on this point I believe he is equally well informed.

From these considerations, I would strongly recommend Dr. Campbell to the Guardians of the Oxford Asylum, being well assured that, if they so appoint him to the office of Medical Superintendent to that Institution, he will discharge his duty with fidelity and success.

JOHN D. M'GAVIN, M.D.

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XV.

*From J. F. OGILVIE, M.D., Medical Superintendent of the Aberdeen Lunatic Asylum, &c. &c.*

ABERDEEN ASYLUM, 16th July, 1845.

HAVING heard that Dr. Campbell is about to become a Candidate for the situation of Resident Medical Officer of the Oxfordshire County Asylum, I feel called upon to offer him my best wishes for his success, from a conviction that he is in every respect well qualified for discharging the important duties which he is desirous of undertaking. From personal acquaintance with Dr. Campbell, I am enabled to speak in the highest terms of his gentlemanly bearing and general good qualities; while an inspection of that portion of the Glasgow Asylum placed under his charge is calculated to convey a no less favourable impression of his professional zeal and abilities, more particularly in that department of Medical Practice to which he has for upwards of four years devoted so large a share of his attention.

J. F. OGILVIE, M.D.

## XVI.

*From* ROBERT JAMIESON, M.D., *late Resident Physician to the Aberdeen Lunatic Asylum.*

ABERDEEN, 14th July, 1845.

I HAVE great pleasure in bearing testimony to the excellent qualifications of Dr. Campbell for the office of Superintendent of a Lunatic Hospital. His opportunities of acquiring the requisite knowledge and experience have been great—of the very best description, and can be exceeded by those of no other competitor; while, apart from his professional character, his disposition and endowments are such as ought to recommend him most strongly to an appointment for which any professional skill gives an insufficient title, unless completed by such other mental qualifications for the office as Dr. Campbell eminently possesses.

During Dr. Campbell's stay in Aberdeen, I had occasion to come frequently in contact with him, and had good opportunity of forming a judgment of his abilities. He left a very favourable impression with all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and particularly with the Medical Directors of the Lunatic Asylum here, who were best able to appreciate his professional qualities.

ROBERT JAMIESON, M.D.

## XVII.

*From* ROBERT S. ORR, M.D., *Superintendent of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, &c. &c.*

GLASGOW, 16th July, 1845.

A THREE years' acquaintance with Dr. Campbell, during which I have had many opportunities of judging of his professional

abilities and qualifications, enables me to speak of these with confidence. During all that period his whole time and attention have been given to the treatment and management of the Insane ; and from his connection with the Asylum of this city, one of the largest and best conducted in the kingdom, he has had opportunities and experience which very few in the profession are privileged with ; and of these, I have reason to know, he has availed himself to the utmost.

With the many advantages which he has thus enjoyed, he is well qualified, in my opinion, to take the superintendence and manage the internal economy of a large Asylum ; and I feel assured, that his most strenuous exertions would be devoted to its best interests ; and by appointing him to the office for which he is now a candidate, the electors will find him an active, zealous, and efficient officer.

R. S. ORR, M.D.

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XVIII.

*From J. H. BALFOUR, M.D., Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh ; Fellow of the Linnæan Society ; Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh ; and Regius Professor of Botany in the University of Glasgow, &c. &c.*

GLASGOW, 15th July, 1845.

I HAVE had the pleasure of being acquainted with Dr. Donald Campbell for upwards of three years. I have been led to form a very favourable opinion of his talents and acquirements. He is well versed in all departments of medicine ; and he has, in an especial manner, devoted his attention to the phenomena and treatment of mental diseases. He has, for nearly four years, acted most ably as one of the Assistant Physicians in the Glasgow Royal Lunatic Asylum, and has thus had an opportunity of observing and treating Insanity in all its forms. From what I know of his



abilities, his medical knowledge, and his moral deportment, I consider him well qualified for the office of Physician to a Lunatic Asylum.

J. H. BALFOUR, M.D.

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## XIX.

*From* JAMES ADAIR LAWRIE, M.D., *Surgeon to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, and Professor of Surgery in Anderson's University, &c. &c.*

GLASGOW, 16th July, 1845.

I HAVE had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Campbell intimately for several years—as a student, while dresser in the Royal Infirmary of this city, and since he took his degree of M.D. and resided in the Royal Lunatic Asylum. Dr. Campbell was one of my dressers in the Infirmary during six months, and acquitted himself to my entire satisfaction, showing much knowledge of his profession, and neatness in treating and dressing wounds. During his long residence in the Lunatic Asylum, I have reason to know that he has made the very best use of the great opportunities he has enjoyed of [studying and treating Mental Disease. He has had an excellent education, is a gentleman by birth and manners, his conduct is unexceptionable; and I feel every confidence in recommending him as well qualified for the situation for which he is at present an applicant.

J. A. LAWRIE, M.D.

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## XX.

*From* NORMAN M'LEOD, D.D., *Chaplain in Ordinary to Her Majesty, and Dean of the Chapel Royal, Scotland.*

GLASGOW, 18th July, 1845.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have been very intimately acquainted with Donald Campbell, M.D., for many years past; that I had



all opportunities of knowing his character, and forming an accurate opinion of his dispositions—his temper and habits ; and I have very great pleasure in bearing my unqualified testimony to his great worth and respectability.

It is not for me to speak of his professional attainments and talents as a medical man—his certificates from those who are qualified to speak to these points will, I am persuaded, be found highly satisfactory. But I may be permitted to bear my humble but willing testimony to the correctness of his moral character; and, in doing so, I can truly state that I do not know a young man of whom I have been led to form a higher opinion. I believe Dr. Campbell to be a young man of devoted zeal and ardour in the prosecution of his professional studies, of great prudence, of much firmness of character, and, at the same time, of kind, amiable, and obliging dispositions. I consider him to be under the influence of high Christian principles—of the strictest sense of honour and integrity ; and it is my firm belief, that if he is appointed to the situation which he now wishes to obtain, he will discharge its duties in the most satisfactory and unexceptionable manner.

In this honest and firm belief, I beg most earnestly to recommend him.

NOR. M'LEOD, D.D.

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XXI.

*From the Rev. JOHN BYERS, late Chaplain to the Royal Lunatic Asylum, and now Minister at Bathgate, &c. &c.*

GARTNAVEL, 4th February, 1845.

I HAVE much pleasure in bearing testimony to the excellent character and abilities of Dr. Donald Campbell, who has for some

years officiated as one of the Assistants in this Institution. The department assigned to him here is a most important one, the duties of which he has performed in a manner highly creditable to his professional skill and his judgment in conducting a variety of matters connected with the treatment of the Insane. Dr. Campbell is a young gentleman of firmness and decision of character, and possessed of much tact and prudence in the management of his patients, by whom he is loved and respected. I have also frequently observed that he takes great pains and pleasure in attending to their personal comfort, and rendering them as happy as their circumstances will admit. As far, therefore, as I am enabled to judge, from much intercourse with Dr. Campbell, and those inmates under his charge, I consider that he is well fitted for the office for which he is now a Candidate.

JOHN BYERS.

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XXII.

*From the* DIRECTORS *of the* ABERDEEN LUNATIC ASYLUM.

ABERDEEN, 15th April, 1845.

WE, Directors of the Lunatic Asylum of this city, certify, that a vacancy having lately occurred in the office of Superintendent thereof, testimonials of fitness for this situation were laid before us from DONALD C. CAMPBELL, M.D., of Glasgow;—that these testimonials we considered to be of a very high order; that our intercourse with Dr Campbell impressed us most favourably in his behalf; that at a full meeting of Directors on the day of election, he was only a few votes below the successful candidate, (the son of a late respected physician in this town); and that we

regard him—as we have reason to believe all our fellow-Directors do—as eminently qualified, from his studies, experience, and character, for such a situation.

THOs. BLAIKIE, Provost of Aberdeen, and President of the Managers of the Infirmary and Lunatic Hospital, Aberdeen.

LESLIE CLARK, Baillie in Aberdeen.

GEORGE HENRY, Baillie.

ALEX. WEBSTER, City Treasurer.

D. CHALMERS, Councillor.

J. MACROBIN, M.D., Physician to the Asylum, and Professor of Medicine.

W. SKINNER, D.D., Oxon. and Bishop in Aberdeen.

SIMON MACKINTOSH, Minister in Aberdeen.

ALEX. HARVEY, Lecturer on Institutes of Medicine in Marischal College and University.

P. WILLIAMSON, Councillor.

B. WILLIAMSON, M.D., late Senior Physician to the Infirmary, Aberdeen.

